

REMARKS

Following entry of the foregoing amendment, claims 10 and 11 are pending and claims 1-9, 12, and 13 are cancelled. Claims 14 and 15 are added. Applicant reserves the right to file divisional or continuing applications directed to any cancelled subject matter.

Claim 10 is amended herein. Support for the amendment may be found in Table 2 of the specification as filed. Entry of the amendment and reconsideration and allowance of the amended claims are courteously requested. Claims 14 and 15 are added herein. Support for the addition of claim 14 may be found in claim 1 of the application as filed. Support for the addition of claim 15 may be found in claim 3 of the application as filed.

Claims 1-11 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as allegedly anticipated by Soliva, *et al.* They also stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as allegedly anticipated by U.S. Patent Application Publication No. 2006/0008813, to Eritja, *et al.* and U.S. Patent Application Publication No. 2004/0029160, to Eritja, *et al.*

These rejections are moot for claims 1-9, which have been cancelled. The rejections have been overcome for claims 10 and 11. Claims 10 and 11 have been amended to include specific nucleotide sequences.

For a claim to be anticipated by a reference, the reference must teach or suggest all of the limitations of the claim. Neither Soliva nor the two Eritja references teach or suggest nucleotide triplexes comprising nucleotides with the specific nucleotide sequences that are now claimed in claim 10 and claim 11. Therefore, the references do not include all of the limitations of the claims, and the rejections under § 102(b) and § 102(e) should be withdrawn.

CONCLUSION

The stated grounds of rejection have been properly traversed, accommodated or rendered moot. Applicants therefore respectfully request that the Examiner reconsider all presently outstanding rejections and that they be withdrawn. Applicant believes that a full and complete reply has been made to the outstanding Office Action and as such, the Application is in condition for allowance. If the Examiner believes that personal communication would expedite prosecution of this Application, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at the number provided.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Duane A. Stewart III", with a stylized flourish at the end.

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